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1. Yugoslav economic penetration is rapidly proceeding in the field of food supplies. An "Associazione Autonoma dell'Alimentazione", located in Via Crispi, in the headquarters of SITAG (a similar organization) was created about a year ago and it was supposed to be a union of food store owners. Later it became a means of buying food products from Yugoslavia at a price much lower than the normal market price. The intention is to put pro-Slav food stores owners in a favorable position to beat the Italian food store owners. No pro-Italian food store owner has access to the lower priced products which come from Yugoslavia.
2. A similar organization is being formed to control the market of fresh meat. A "Consortio" for the slaughtering of cattle is being formed under the direction of Massimo Polacco, well-known UAIS (Unione Anti-Fascista Italo-Slovena) supporter. This "Consortio" will import cattle from Yugoslavia at a price lower than the normal market price, and will distribute the lower priced meat only to its pro-Slav members.
3. The supply of wood and vegetable coal is practically monopolized by Yugoslav dealers, since these products come from Yugoslavia. Italian products cannot be placed on the Trieste market. As an example an advantageous offer made by a wood salesman for Southern Italy could not be accepted since the local dealers were not willing to accept the product although it cost less.
4. The supply of fish for Trieste comes mostly from Zone "B". Fish is being sold by Yugoslav Government-controlled agencies to the local dealers the majority of whom are also controlled by the Yugoslavs. Thus the fish supply is completely in Yugoslav hands.
5. In conclusion, it appears that the market of numerous essential commodities, is controlled by the Yugoslavs and that so far no attempts have been made by Italians to oppose it.

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